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For: METHOD OF CONTROLLING SALMONELLA IN SHELL EGGS

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Please enter the following amendments prior to examination of the above-referenced application.

In the Specification:

Please insert the following paragraph on page 1 following the title.

--RELATED APPLICATIONS

The present application is a continuation of co-pending United States Patent Application Serial No. 09/372,512, filed August 11, 1999, <sup>now U.S. Patent No. 6,303,176</sup> ~~now allowed~~, which is a continuation of United States Application Serial No. 08/769,579, filed on December 19, 1996, now issued as U.S. Patent No. 6,004,603, which is a continuation of United States Application Serial No. 08/178,734, filed January 7, 1994, which is now abandoned, the disclosures of which are incorporated by reference herein in their entirety.--

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In the Claims:

Please cancel Claims 1-23, which were prosecuted in the parent applications.

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